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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS OF LONG BORET VISIT

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1. JAKARTA PRESS REPORTS REVEALED LITTLE OF
SUBSTANCE ABOUT VISIT OF KHMER FOREIGN MINISTER
LONG BORET (AUGUST 2-3). IN AUGUST 3 MEETING
WITH PRESS AT WHICH BORET LET MALIK DO MOST OF
THE TALKING, LATTER SAID GOI NOW UNDERSTANDS VIEWS OF
KHMER GOVERNMENT AS EXPRESSED IN ITS RECENT SIX-POINT
PROPOSAL AND REMAINS HOPEFUL THAT PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS,
MALIK RENEWED STANDING OFFER OF INDONESIAN GOOD
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OFFICES AND CONFIRMED THAT JAKARTA COULD BE

SITE FOR NEGOTIATIONS (ALTHOUGH HE ADDED THAT PHNOM PENH WOULD BE BETTER). MALIK REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER KHMERS HAD REQUESTED SPECIFIC INDONESIAN ASSISTANCE.

2. ACCORDING RELIABLE DAILY KOMPAS MALIK DID SAY THAT AT FORTHCOMING ALGIERS NON-BLOC SUMMIT, INDONESIA WOULD CONTINUE TO OPPOSE SEATING OF GOVERNMENTS-IN-EXILE SUCH AS SIHANOUK OR VIETCONG (ADDING THAT THIS WAS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND THAT INDONESIA DID NOT OPPOSE SIHANOUK PER SE). BEYOND COMPARING PRESENT STATUS OF PHNOM PENH TO THAT OF MOSCOW UNDER SIEGE BY NAPOLEON (OR NAZIS) MALIK REFUSED TO COMMENT ON CURRENT SITUATION IN CAMBODIA. BORET'S PUBLIC UTTERANCES WERE CONFINED TO EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION AT "MUCH GOOD ADVICE" RECEIVED DURING TALKS WITH INDONESIAN DIPLOMATS.

3. COMMENT: MALIK'S REFERENCE TO SIHANOUK IS IN ACCORD WITH STANDARD GOI FORMULATION THAT INDONESIA WOULD RECOGNIZE WHATEVER GOVERNMENT HOLDS POWER IN PHNOM PENH, AND IMPLIES ANTICIPATION (AS HAVE OTHER RECENT REMARKS BY MALIK - SEE REFTEL) THAT SIHANOUK MAY BE KEY TO "PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT".
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